REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, 15 and 24. The amendments were made to provide antecedent basis and clarity and the applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-2, 10-11, 15-16 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McVey et al US 5,479,477 (hereafter "McVey"). The Applicant respectfully asserts that McVey does not anticipate the Applicant's invention since McVey does not disclose (directly or inherently) at least the following feature present in Claim 1 (similar features can be found in independent Claims 10, 15, and 24); descriptive information associated with a TDMA/GSM switch. The Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to amended claim 1.

. 1. (Currently Amended) A method of accessing descriptive information associated with a TDMA/GSM switch having an adjunct processor, the method comprising:
incorporating at least a portion of a database of descriptive information associated with the TDMA/GSM switch with data provided to the adjunct processor to control the TDMA/GSM switch;
accessing the adjunct processor to access the TDMA/GSM switch; and
accessing the adjunct processor to access the portion of the database of descriptive information incorporated with the data provided to the adjunct processor.

The Applicant's invention discloses a method and system for accessing descriptive information associated with a TDMA/GSM switch with an adjunct processor (AP). The descriptive information, data for operating/maintaining the switch, is accessed through an adjunct processor to the switch. The invention discloses the AP with a portion of the descriptive information incorporated in the data normally provided

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for the operation of the TDMA/GSM switch. Where the prior art provided access to a database "farm" (i.e., ALEXserv) the present invention provides access to databases that are peculiar to the particular TDMA/GSM switch. The invention eliminates the need to switch between applications and connections to access both the switch and the descriptive information in the databases that are specific to the switch (Page 6, line 31-Page 7, line 5).

The McVey reference appears to disclose a method and apparatus for improving the process of assigning a console station control module to a communication resource. The communication resources typically comprise radio frequency carriers, time slots conveyed via radio frequency carriers, or telephone lines (Column 1, lines 22-24). A control module having specific abilities is used to control one of the communication resources. McVey associates each control module with a group of supported resource features and associates each communication resource with a group of employed resource features (Column 3, lines 7-11). The module with the most features in common with a particular communication resource is automatically assigned to a particular communication resource. It is likely that the module is associated with a database, but the purpose of the module is to control the communication resource.

In contrast to the Applicant's invention, McVey assigns a particular software program, resident on a console station, the program having the most features that are compatible with a particular resource in order to control that resource. The Applicant's invention on the other hand provides data to an AP specific to a TDMA/GSM switch, not to control a resource, but to shorten the time of access to that data. The data is descriptive information consisting of "...help information, manuals, and/or documentation or the like" (Page 5, lines 9-10). The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1.

Claims 10, 15 and 24 are analogous to claim 1 and contain the same subject matter not found in the McVey reference, as to the respective dependent claims. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 10-11, 15-16, and 24.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 3-9, 12-14 and 17-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McVey as applied to claims 1-2, 10-11, 15-16 and 24 above. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

The McVey reference is cited for teaching the use of a control module within a console to control a communications resource. The module is matched the resource according to compatible features and controls particular functions associated with the communications console. However, the Applicant's invention provides access to descriptive information regarding a TDMA/GSM switch and the database from which the information is retrieved does not control the switch or associated connections. McVey's disclosure also does not include the retrieval of information from a maintenance type database that a terminal uses to adjust or maintain a TDMA/GSM switch as claimed by the Applicant. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3-9, 23-14 and 17-23.

Prior Art Not Relied Upon

In paragraph 17 on page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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